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**The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Amending Article V, Section 13 of the ASUM Bylaws**

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SB73-19/20

Authored by: Zoe Nelson, ASUM Senator;

Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM), as an organization, is bound by its governing documents;

Whereas, Article V of the ASUM Bylaws outline the makeup and function of all committees and boards;

Whereas, Article V, Section 13 describes the makeup, functions, and duties of the Transportation Board;

Whereas, Article V, Section 13, Subsection A outlines the makeup of the Transportation Board:

A. The transportation Board shall be composed of no fewer than five (5) and no greater than ten (10) voting members, of which three (3) will be members of the ASUM Senate, and at least two (2) will be students-at-large. Non-voting members of the board shall include the ASUMOT Director, the ASUMOT Road Supervisor, and the ASUMOT Bike Coordinator. The ASUM Transportation Board will meet a minimum of once monthly. Sub-committees will be created as deemed to be necessary by the board with members from the Transportation Board.;

Whereas, In Spring 2019, ASUM hired the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator as a full-time, classified, non-student staff member;

Whereas, To facilitate the additional cost of a full-time, classified, non-student position, ASUM Transportation offered to pay for 25% of the position's wage;

Whereas, As a result of 25% of the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator's wages being paid by ASUM Transportation, the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator dedicates 25% of their time to sustainability initiatives within the ASUM Office of Transportation;

Whereas, The Sustainability Coordinator oversees the Transportation Ambassadors, all of their programming, and social media for the Office of Transportation;

Whereas, The Sustainability Coordinator is closely involved in decision-making processes and discussions in the ASUM Office of Transportation;

Whereas, A recognized spot on the Transportation Board gives the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator a permanent voice on the Board and enables the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator to be up-to-date with ASUM Transportation operations and initiatives;

Whereas, Additional changes to the makeup of the Board, in terms of Senatorial participation, would be appropriate to ensure the Transportation Board is fully composed on an annual basis;

Whereas, Recruiting Students-at-Large for the Transportation Board has been historically difficult;

Whereas, Five members are required to vote on changes to the long-term strategic plan, to vote to approve the budget or large projects, and any other binding votes;

Whereas, A flexible seat would ensure the Transportation Board can be filled in an appropriate manner in order to vote on pressing matters, while still retaining an optional six seats for Students-at-Large;

Whereas, Some repetition and grammatical errors exist within Article V, Section 13 of the ASUM Bylaws;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article V, Section 13 be amended to read:

A. The Transportation Board shall be composed of no fewer than five (5) and no greater than ten (10) voting members, of which three (3) will be members of the ASUM Senate, and at least one (1) will be a students-at-large. The remaining seat may go to either a Senator or a student-at-large. Non-voting members of the Board shall include the ASUMOT Director, ASUMOT Transit Operation Supervisors, and the ASUMOT Bike Coordinator, and the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator. The ASUM Transportation Board will meet a minimum of once monthly. Sub-committees will be created as deemed to be necessary by the Board with members from the Transportation Board. The committee Board shall be chaired by an ASUM Senator, who shall vote only in the case of a tie. No paid employee of the ASUMOT shall be a voting member of the Board.

B. Quorum shall consist of a simple majority of those members currently holding positions. This committee Board shall meet and have quorum at least one (1) time per month during the academic year.

C. Duties and functions of the Transportation Board include:

- 1. Annually reviewing the ASUMOT budget, the transportation fee, and the performance of the ASUMOT Director;*
- 2. Giving a binding vote on projects amounting to 2% or more of the ASUMOT budget;*
- 3. Submitting for approval to the ASUM Senate any project which*
 - a) amounts to 6% or more of the annual ASUMOT budget, and b)*
 - is approved in committee by anything less than a unanimous decision of all members present;*

91 4. Continuously evaluating the ASUMOT long-term strategic plan.
92 The Board may alter the current strategic plan or create a
93 new long-term strategic plan, to be approved by a two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$)
94 majority vote of the Board and;
95 5. Meeting with campus, community, statewide and national
96 transportation specialists to gain insight on transportation issues
97 in order to advocate on behalf of student interests.
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101 Passed by Committee: _____, 2020
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103 Passed by ASUM Senate: April 15, 2020
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107 Zoe Nelson,
108 Chair of the Transportation Board
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Chair of the Senate

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113 Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee
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